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1. (U) THIS IS O-I NO. 117, JUNE 28, 1995.
2. (C) FOR MONROE FROM ELLIS. COMMERCIAL FALLOUT? AT A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY, THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND (ADM), DWAYNE ANDREAS, SAID THAT HIS FIRM SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF FALLOUT RESULTING FROM THE LEE TENG-HUI VISIT. PRIOR TO THE VISIT, THE CHINESE WERE APPARENTLY EAGER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH A 200 MILLION ENERGY CONVERSION GASOHOL

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PROJECT. ANDREAS SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE PROJECT HAD BEEN FORMALLY STOPPED, BUT NOTED THAT THERE WAS "A SUDDEN LACK OF INTEREST." ANYTHING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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3. (C) FOR HALLFORD FROM KEYSER. HARRY WU. YOU'LL SEE A CABLE ON THE LORD/ZHOU MEETING WHICH REQUESTS YOU TO GO STALWARTLY INTO THE BREACH AND DO THE SAME. BASICALLY [REDACTED] AS FAN HAD ART. SAME TALKING POINTS. GIVE MY WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS TO "THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL" -- LIU XIAOMING OR CHEN MINGMING. OR MAYBE OUR OLD FRIEND THE GONGSHI HERE WILL SEE YOU. STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. (PLEASE GO OVER TO ER-BAN, BY THE WAY, WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE. AMUSEMENT AWAITS.) I CAN ONLY COMPARE THIS SITUATION WITH THAT OF MFN IN MAY 1994 IN TERMS OF THE INTENSITY OF INTEREST AND THE DEMANDS OF THE SYSTEM. OF COURSE, IN THE COLLEGIAL STYLE WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR COLLEAGUES FROM THE OUTSET, EVERYBODY'S VOICE IS EQUAL AND EVERYBODY'S DEMAND MUST BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY, IF NOT SOONER, AS THE HIGHEST NATIONAL PRIORITY. REVERENTLY, TOO. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE MORE POLITICAL APPOINTEES, BY A FACTOR OF 10, THAN THERE ARE OFFICERS IN EAP/CM. WELL. ENOUGH OF THAT. AS YOU PERHAPS KNOW, VIRTUALLY EVERYBODY IN THE HAK DELEGATION WILL BE CARRYING A MESSAGE, OR TWO, OR THREE. ON HARRY WU AMONG OTHER ISSUES. ONE MODERATELY SERIOUS POINT: AFL-CIO'S JEFF FIEDLER HAS TOLD US THAT [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO WEIGH IN INDEPENDENTLY ON THE MATTER OF HARRY WU. HAVE YOU MET THE GENTLEMAN YET?

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PERHAPS YOU OR NEIL COULD CALL ON HIM QUIETLY AND SEE WHETHER HIS INTEREST AND INTENTIONS ARE AS DEPICTED TO ME. I SEE NO DOWN SIDE TO SUCH AN INDEPENDENT APPROACH TO THE CHINESE -- DEPENDING ON [REDACTED] BACKGROUND, POSITION, MANNER OF EXPRESSING HIMSELF, AND SO ON. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. (C) FOR HALLFORD, SILVER FROM KEYSER. COMMUNICATIONS MELTDOWN. AS I SAID TO SCOTT THIS MORNING, WE NEVER RECEIVED ANY -- REPEAT ANY -- CABLES FROM BEIJING SENT ON 6/27. NOR DID THEY APPEAR IN OUR DATA BASE. THE "REPORT" FROM EMB BEIJING ALLUDED TO BY THE PRESS SPOKESMAN WAS OUR CREATIVE WAY OF DESCRIBING DIANE'S PHONE CONVERSATION WITH ART. IT WAS A REPORT, AFTER ALL. WE DID RECEIVE THE EXDIS MESSAGE REPORTING ON THE MA ZHENGANG MEETING. NOTHING ELSE. IF YOU STILL HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR SYSTEM FROM THE 27TH, PLEASE REPEAT TO US. POSTERITY WILL BE IN YOUR DEBT.

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